

STATE OF MARYLAND,

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,

ANNAPOLIS, *January 26, 1860.*

TO HIS EXCELLENCY,

WILLIAM H. GIST,

GOVERNOR OF SOUTH CAROLINA:

Dear Sir :—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 30th December, (until now mislaid by an inadvertence) enclosing the Resolutions unanimously passed by the Legislature of South Carolina, in relation to Federal Affairs; and requesting this State to join in the appointment of Deputies to a Convention of the slaveholding States, for their united action in regard to secession from the Union.

I will very cheerfully comply with your request to submit these Resolutions to the General Assembly of this State, now in session; and in informing you of my intention so to do, it seems right to add the expression of my own opinion that, while the people of Maryland have cause, more than the people of any other Southern State, to complain of the loss and injury from these conspiracies and assaults, they do not see the remedy for such outrages in a measure, which, if it were possible, could only secure the continuance of them under shelter of a *foreign* asylum upon her borders.

With great respect and consideration,

I am yours, truly,

THOMAS H. HICKS.